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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-21-27**  
**November 15, 2021**

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue a wastewater discharge permit to the facility listed in this notice. This permit is issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared a draft permit for the facility listed below. Copies of the draft permit, fact sheet, and environmental assessment are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website [www.deq.mt.gov](http://www.deq.mt.gov)

APPLICANT NAME: **Missoula County Commissioners**  
**200 West Broadway**  
**Missoula, Montana 59802**

FACILITY NAME: **Missoula County RSID #901**  
**Lolo Wastewater Treatment Plant**

FACILITY LOCATION: **1755 Lakeside Drive, Lolo**  
**Missoula County**

RECEIVING WATER: **Bitterroot River**

PERMIT NUMBER **MT0020168**

This permit is a reissuance of a Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for discharge of treated wastewater to the Bitterroot River. Missoula County, through Missoula County RSID #901, operates an activated sludge wastewater treatment plant with a design flow of 0.340 million gallons per day (mgd) and ultraviolet light (UV) effluent disinfection, serving the unincorporated community of Lolo. The proposed permit will apply treatment standards for five-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD<sub>5</sub>), total suspended solids (TSS) and pH, and limits on *E. coli* bacteria. The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring of discharge quality and quantity with monthly reporting of results.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 16, 2021**. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Water Quality Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked **PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 16, 2021**, will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail the Department at [DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov](mailto:DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov)

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1373).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-5546 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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